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SUBJ: MAY 17 MILITARY BRIEFING FOR CONSULAR CORPS

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES TEL 285; AND A-63 OF MAY 4

1. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS AND STATISTICS OF MAY 17 BRIEFING GIVEN MOZAMBIQUE CONSULAR CORPS BY PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMAND SPOKESMAN COL. JACINTO FRADE. DETAILS POUCHED.
2. MAIN POINTS: LOWER FIGURES ON ACTIONS, CASUALTIES, ETC. FOR BOTH SIDES REFLECT SHORT, 20- DAY PERIOD COVERED AS COMPARED TO 41 DAYS COVERED AT PREVIOUS BRIEFING ( REF A). PACE EVEN LOWER THAN USUAL IN NIASSA, ABOUT SAME IN CABO DELGADO, AND " NO WORSE BUT CERTAINLY NO BETTER" IN TETE. ONCE AGAIN AT LEAST AN HOUR WAS TAKEN UP WITH BY NOW THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR PORTUGUESE CONCEPT OF CHINESE COMMUNIST STRATEGY FOR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. AS THIS IS THIRD CONSECUTIVE BRIEFING COVERING SAME SUBJECT, WE ARE BEGINNING TO GET THE MESSAGE.
3. NEW FEATURE WAS FRADE'S TOUCHINESS RE MALAWI STATING THAT FOR GEOGRAPHIC AND STRATEGIC REASONS PORTUGUESE COULD NOT TOLERATE MALAWI " WEDGE" BEING USED AGGRESSIVELY AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE. ALSO INTERESTING WAS REFERENCE FOR FIRST TIME TO  
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" STRONG INDICATIONS" THAT CHINESE INSTRUCTORS NOW ENTERING TETE ON OPERATIONAL MISSIONS WITH FRELIMO FORCES.

4. STATISTICS:

PORTUGUESE OPERATIONS: TOTAL 496 (881 DURING PREVIOUS PERIOD)  
INCLUDING 59 (107) IN NIASSA; 112 (173) IN CABO DELGADO; 206  
(423) IN TETE; 21 (NA) IN ZAMBEZIA; AND 98 (NA) IN NORTHERN  
BEIRA/ VILA PEREIRA DISTRICTS.

FRELIMO CASUALTIES: KILLED 37 (103); WOUNDED 9 (22); CAP-  
TURED 19 (28).

REFUGES DESTROYED: MILITARY TYPES 10 (35); TEMPORARY HIDE-  
OUTS 22 (39).

ELEMENTS OF POPULATION TAKEN: CAPTURED 130 (59); SURRENDERED  
296 (751); LIBERATED 102 (221).

FRELIMO ACTIONS: TOTAL 182 (364), INCLUDING:

MINES: 28 (75) EXPLODED AND 67 (141) DISARMED.

SHOOTINGS ( FLAGELACONES): 48 (75) AGAINST TROOPS; 16 (36)  
AGAINST CIVILIANS.

BOOBYTRAPS: 3 (14) OF WHICH 2 EXPLODED.

ATTACKS: 2 ON MILITARY UNITS, 2 ON VILLAGES.

PORTUGUESE CASUALTIES:

MILITARY: KILLED 5 (15); WOUNDED 41 (188)

CIVILIANS: KILLED 6 (32); WOUNDED 30 (81); KIDNAPPED 15  
(65).

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